

Session 3 Breakouts

Foster Care 101

This Breakout session will provide those interested in foster care basic knowledge on the foster care system and the issues our children “in the system” face.



Breakout Leader: Ryan Krueger

Who Is That Crazy Lady!

Mothers of wounded children....do you ever feel like you are from another planet, like the things you are dealing with make others look at you like you are crazy? Do you ever wonder how in the world you can maintain your sanity while parenting this hurting child who is wreaking havoc in your home? Here’s your chance to learn from someone who has been in the trenches and is still learning through trial and error how to take care of yourself while you parent in a difficult situation.



Breakout Leaders: Lynn & Jennie Owens

“Waiting to Blossom” – Special Needs Adoption Process

Dispelling the Fear and Myth Around Special Needs Conditions. Looking Past the Diagnosis and Seeing the Blessing. What Conditions are considered Special Needs? What does the Adoption Process look like when adopting a Special Needs child?



Breakout Leaders: Janell Lucas & Melissa Swanson

Finances – Where does the \$\$\$ come from?

As a father of two girls adopted from China, one of my first thoughts when we were lead to adopt was, “how are we possibly going to pay for this?” No doubt that same thought has crossed everyone’s mind when contemplating adoption, foster care, or sponsoring a child. However, God makes specific and reassuring promises about His provision in Scripture. This session will focus on the spiritual, emotional and practical realities of financing an adoption (with application to foster care and child sponsorship). We will examine what Scripture says, walk through some practical examples, hear some amazing stories, and review some available resources. The purpose of the session is to equip those interested in financially supporting an orphan with faith-building information in order to overcome one of the biggest barriers to adoption.



Breakout Leader: Lance Vickerman

Orphan Care – Leading a short term Mission Trip

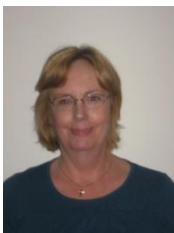
One way to care for orphans in their distress is by taking short term mission teams to meet their needs. Hear about Short Term Missions from start to finish and what it might look like for you.



Breakout Leader: Steve Allen

Olive Crest

There are 123,000 children waiting to be adopted in the U.S. Foster care system. These children are our society’s orphans that we as Christ follower’s are called to care for. Will you open your home and heart to these “waiting” children?



Breakout Leader: Susan Kellie

Adoptee Panel

The panel will include a diverse group of adult adoptees and is sure to be insightful and encouraging.

Hope For Orphans

Hope for Orphans serves churches with a heart for orphans in three ways . . .

Mobilize: We educate Christians about God's heart for orphans and encourage them to practice what God calls in James, chapter one, "pure and undefiled religion" -- caring for orphans in their distress.

Equip: We provide simple, practical, and biblically-based resources that help local church lay leaders launch and develop orphans ministries in their churches.

Connect: We build strategic relationships with key organizations that we share with local churches as they respond to God's mandate to care for the orphan.



Breakout Leader: Jason Weber

If You Were Mine – DVD Series

Session 3- Evaluating Agencies, Investigating Funding Options, and Paperwork



Breakout Leader: Trevor Macduff